

Dear Mr. Neaghead:

I am writing in response to your inquiry, on behalf of your constituent, [redacted] U.S.-sponsored refugee relief activities.

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan has caused some two to three million Afghans to flee to Pakistan. Since 1980, the United States has provided \$100 million in cash, relief supplies and other aid to international Afghan refugee relief efforts. In addition, a donation in 1982 of 240 trucks to the Government of Pakistan, all of our contributions have been made through the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of International Women, and a large number of private voluntary organizations. The U.S. Government does not operate any refugee camps in Pakistan, though our diplomatic personnel maintain regular contacts with relief officials.

I suggest that you, on her arrival in Pakistan, contact the various refugee relief organizations that have an interest in working with the refugees. I will provide information about the activities of each organization to the U.S. Embassy's Office of Refugee Affairs, headed by Mr. Thomas Greene.

I hope this information is of use to you in representing your constituent.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable
Charles J. Neaghead,
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